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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 and NOTICE OF APPEAL

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of March 18, 2003.

The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant a two-month extension of time needed for timely response to the Office Action in the aboveidentified application, and the Commissioner is authorised to charge Deposit Account. No. 18-1171 the amount of \$410.00 to cover the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(a).

Applicants also hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeal and Interferences from the decision of the primary Examiner of March 18, 2003, finally rejecting claims 27, 29, 30, 32, 37-40, 43, 45-50, and 53-55. The Commissioner is hereby authorised to charge payment of the \$320.00 fee for the Notice of Appeal to Deposit Account No.

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